AMENDMENT TO
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OFFERED BY MR. VEASEY OF TEXAS

At the end of subtitle B of title I, add the following new sections:

1 SEC. 1106. REFUNDABLE CREDIT FOR HOUSEHOLD ITEMS PURCHASED BY GRANDPARENTS FOR GRANDCHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY.

   (a) IN GENERAL.—Subpart C of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (relating to refundable credits) is amended by inserting after section 36B the following new section:

   “SEC. 36C. CREDIT FOR HOUSEHOLD ITEMS PURCHASED BY GRANDPARENTS FOR GRANDCHILDREN LIVING IN POVERTY.

   “(a) IN GENERAL.—In the case of an eligible individual, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this subtitle an amount equal to the amount paid or incurred by the taxpayer during the taxable year for household items for the benefit of any qualified child.

   “(b) MAXIMUM CREDIT.—The credit allowed by this section for the taxable year shall not exceed $500.
“(c) Definitions and Special Rules.—For purposes of this section—

“(1) Eligible Individual.—The term ‘eligible individual’ means, with respect to any child, any individual who is a grandparent of such child.

“(2) Household Items.—The term ‘household items’ includes food, clothing, and other items typically used by or for the benefit of children.

“(3) Qualified Child.—The term ‘qualified child’ means any individual if—

“(A) such individual has not attained the age of 18 as of the close of the calendar year in which the taxable year of the taxpayer begins,

“(B) for more than one-half of such taxable year, such individual has the same principal place of abode as—

“(i) the taxpayer, and

“(ii) at least 1 parent of such child,

“(C) such parent is entitled to claim, and claims, a deduction for such child under section 151 (relating to allowance of deductions for personal exemptions),

“(D) the modified adjusted gross income (as defined in section 24(b)) of such parent (or
parents in the case of a joint return) does not exceed 300 percent of the Federal poverty level (as determined in accordance with criteria established by the Director of the Office of Management and Budget), and

“(E) such place of abode is in the United States.

“(4) GRANDPARENTS.—An older individual shall be treated as a grandparent of another individual only if such individual is—

“(A) a biological descendant of the older individual, or

“(B) an adopted child (within the meaning of section 152(f)(1)(B)) of a biological descendant of the older individual.

“(d) IDENTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS.——

“(1) IN GENERAL.—A qualifying child shall not be taken into account under this section unless the taxpayer includes the name, age, and TIN of the qualifying child on the return of tax for the taxable year.

“(2) OTHER METHODS.—The Secretary may prescribe other methods for providing the information described in paragraph (1).”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—
(1) Section 6211(b)(4)(A) of such Code is amended by inserting “36C,” after “36B,”.

(2) Paragraph (2) of section 1324(b) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by inserting “36C,” after “36B,”.

(3) The table of sections for subpart C of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 36C the following new item:

“Sec. 36C. Credit for household items purchased by grandparents for grandchildren living in poverty.”.

(c) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.

SEC. 1107. REFUNDABLE CREDIT AGAINST TAX FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH NATURALIZATION.

(a) In General.—Subpart C of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting after section 36B the following new section:

“SEC. 36C. CREDIT FOR COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH NATURALIZATION.

“(a) In General.—In the case of an individual, there shall be allowed as a credit against the tax imposed by this subtitle an amount equal to the qualified natu-
ralization costs determined under subsection (b) with re-
spect to the taxpayer for the taxable year.

“(b) AMOUNT OF CREDIT.—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The qualified naturaliza-
tion costs determined under this subsection for a
taxpayer for a taxable year are such costs paid or
incurred by the taxpayer during the taxable year or
the 3 preceding taxable years with respect to the
taxpayer, the taxpayer’s spouse, or any dependent of
the taxpayer, if such taxpayer, spouse, or dependent
is naturalized as a citizen of the United States dur-
ing such taxable year.

“(2) MAXIMUM CREDIT.—The credit allowed
under this section with respect to the naturalization
of any individual shall not exceed $500.

“(c) QUALIFIED NATURALIZATION COSTS.—For pur-
poses of this section—

“(1) IN GENERAL.—The term ‘qualified natu-
ralization costs’ means naturalization application
costs, ESL and other course costs, and legal serv-
ices.

“(2) NATURALIZATION APPLICATION COSTS.—
The term ‘naturalization application costs’ means
fees associated with naturalization as a citizen of the
United States collected by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services.

“(3) ESL AND OTHER COURSE COSTS.—The term ‘ESL and other course costs’ means—

“(A) payments for a course (whether online or in person) or tutoring with respect to learning English as a second language or as preparation for the civics test associated with naturalization as a citizen of the United States, and

“(B) payments for transportation and childcare associated with such course or such tutoring.

“(4) LEGAL SERVICES.—The term ‘legal services’ means amounts paid to a lawyer for services associated with naturalization, including preparation of an application for naturalization and services related to an interview associated with naturalization.”.

(b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—

(1) Section 6211(b)(4)(A) of such Code is amended by inserting “36C,” after “36B,”.

(2) Paragraph (2) of section 1324(b) of title 31, United States Code, is amended by inserting “36C,” after “36B,”.
(3) The table of sections for subpart C of part IV of subchapter A of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 36B the following new item:

“Sec. 36C. Credit for costs associated with naturalization.”.

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.

At the end of subtitle D of title I, add the following new sections:

SEC. 1313. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT SALES IN UNDER-SERVED COMMUNITIES.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Part III of subchapter B of chapter 1 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 is amended by inserting before section 140 the following new section:

“SEC. 139G. AGRICULTURAL PRODUCT SALES IN UNDER-SERVED COMMUNITIES.

“(a) IN GENERAL.—Gross income does not include amounts received by the taxpayer which are derived from qualified agricultural food product sales.

“(b) QUALIFIED AGRICULTURAL FOOD PRODUCT SALES.—For purposes of this section, the term ‘qualified agricultural food product sale’ means the sale of locally and regionally produced agricultural products (as such term is used in section 6 of the Farmer-to-Consumer Di-
rect Marketing Act of 1976 (7 U.S.C. 3005), as in effect on the date of the enactment of this section) by the taxpayer to members of the general public at a fixed location (other than a retail store) located in a community described in subsection (e)(1) of such section, as in effect on such date of enactment.”.

(b) Clerical Amendment.—The table of sections for part III of subchapter B of chapter 1 of such Code is amended by inserting before the item relating to section 140:

“Sec. 139G. Agricultural product sales in underserved communities.”.

(e) Effective Date.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years beginning after December 31, 2017.

SEC. 1314. CLARIFICATION OF USE OF GRANT FUNDS UNDER FARMERS’ MARKET AND LOCAL FOOD PROMOTION PROGRAM.

Section 6(f) of the Farmer-to-Consumer Direct Marketing Act of 1976 (7 U.S.C. 3005(f)) is amended—

(1) in the subsection heading, by striking “FUNDS REQUIREMENTS FOR” and inserting “USE OF FUNDS BY”;

(2) in paragraph (1), in the paragraph heading, by inserting “REQUIREMENT” after “FUNDS”; and

(3) by adding at the end the following new paragraph:
“(3) Farmers’ market permit fees.—An eligible entity may use a grant or other assistance provided under this section for purposes of paying any fees associated with obtaining a permit to sell locally and regionally produced agricultural products at a farmers’ market located in an area described in subsection (e)(1).”.